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“Dust On The Bible”

A five year old girl came into my office one day, fell backward on the couch, looked up at me and said, “You’ve got to help me, Doc!” I asked her how I could help her. She replied, “You have to sit down there and take notes!” A few minutes later she stood up from the couch and said she wanted to sing me a song. I eagerly agreed, and she belted out in a loud voice the following words:

*I went into a home one day to see some friends of mine
Of all the books and magazines, not a Bible could I find.
I asked them for the Bible. When they brought it, what a shame!
For the dust was covered o'er it, not a fingerprint was plain.*

*Dust on the Bible, dust on the Holy Word;
The word of all the prophets, and the sayings of our Lord.
Of all the other books you'll find, there's none salvation holds;
Get the dust off the Bible and redeem your poor soul.*

*Oh, you can read your magazines of love and tragic things
And not one word of Bible verse, not a scripture do you know.
When it is the very truth, and it's contents good for you.
Dust on the Bible will doom your poor soul.*

I learn something valuable from most of the people I meet, but this child had a special gift for teaching adults the importance of important things. Of all the books and magazines, of all the courses we take in school, of all the letters we read, none are more important than the Word of God revealed in sacred Scripture. It is the Book for all seasons, the light to guide us each day...not just in times of crisis.

Let's make sure that we read it often, obey its precepts, and hold it close to our hearts. It must not be allowed to gather dust...it's a matter of life and death.

— Al Behel

Other News

-**Danny and Polly** will remain in Blue Ridge, GA, awaiting repairs to their roof. We are grateful that Danny's eye is improving. A memorial service for Danny's nephew, Chris Craig, who past away of a heart attack a week ago, was on Saturday. Please keep praying.

-**Daniel Cline**, Danny and Polly's son, is on his way home from Ukraine. He has been there as part of a food relief program distributing 1 million meals. Pray for his safety.

-**Doug Hill**—keep him in prayer as he battle some health issues.

-**Don McAllister**, Debbie Nieves' father, underwent gallbladder surgery this past week. He is doing well.

-**Monday Night Ladies Class**—postponed until Polly returns. You will be notified by email in April when the clas will resume.

In Person Worship—We are seeing an increase in the number of visitors we are having post-covid. We encourage all our members to return as well for in-person. Online service will continue for those who are not ready.

Sermon Topics: A.M.—“We Are No Ordinary People” (Al)
P.M.—“Three Ingredients of Prayer” (Al)

Blessed Bible

Blessèd Bible, Book of Gold,
Precious truths thy pages hold,
Truths to lead me day by day
All along my pilgrim way.

Refrain

*Blessèd Bible, pure and true,
Guide me all my journey through;
Heav'nly light within me shine,
Help me make thy precepts mine!*

Lamp of faith, my feet to lead,
Bread of Heav'n, my soul to feed;
Living waters pure and free,
Book of books thou art to me.

Word of God, thy love impart,
Fire my zeal, and cleanse my heart;
Keep me earnest, keep me true,
Ev'ry day my strength renew.

—by Fanny Crosby (1820-1915)

How sweet are thy words unto my taste!
yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
Psalm 119:103

Sunday Adult Class

A Study in Acts

Al Behel

Teen Class

Jacob Forman

Wednesday Night Class

Danny Cline—Colossians

Monday Night Ladies Study

Topic: “O To Be Like Thee”

Class will resume soon

Watch for email

Teacher: Polly Cline

Times of Services

Sunday A.M.
Bible Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Sunday P.M. 6:00 PM
Wednesday 7:00 PM

Food Contact For Month:

Sue Hayes

Elder Contact for Month:

Jim Anderson 865-924-1067

Online worship: available on church website or FB page

Our Known Sick

-**Jeanette Dyer**—please continue to pray for Jeanette as she deals with multiple health issues.

-**June McGowen**, is in Pigeon Forge Nursing Home. .

-**Linda Valentine**— battling cancer.

-**Anna Ruth Franklin**— Prayers for several health issues.

FRIENDS & FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS

-Keep **Tracey's dad and mom, Ron and Judy Pitts**, in your prayers.

Their address is: 313 Monticello Rd., Franklin, TN 37064

-**Treavor Hayes**, 7 year old grandson of Marc and Sue is receiving treatment through a port which has been installed to make his treatment easier. eHe has a tumor on optic nerve. Please keep hm in prayer.

-**George Tolliver's sister, Mosie Simpson**, is battling COPD. She is staying with her son. Prayers still needed.

-Shannon Wade requests prayers for **Harley Tucker**, who is a 24 year old friend of their family, She is battling breast cancer. She lives in MS.

-**Tricia Hayes'** mother, Debbie Odham, has been diagnosed with leukemia with only months to live. Her father is also struggling with COPD and is in critical condition. Please keep Tricia and her family in prayer.

Fellowship Dinner & Meetings:

To get us back on our regular schedule, we will have our April monthly fellowship meal **next Sunday , April 3**. Men & ladies meetings will be immediately after the dinner.

Men: fellowship and sharing session each Tuesday night at 7 pm.

Building Loan Balance

\$632,871.05

Additional contributions to building fund are appreciated

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